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A PRODUCT MODEL (Amended)

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance of the Notice of Allowance, dated August 31, 2010, the Examiner provided reasons for allowance of independent claims 24, 26, and 28. In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner emphasized novel portions of independent claims 24, 26, and 28. See Office Action, pp. 3-6.

As an initial matter, Applicants wish to express appreciation for the allowance of the claims. Applicants respectfully note, however, that claim 24 recites, more accurately and in full:

24. (Previously Presented) A method in a computing system, the method comprising:

defining a product common model, wherein

the defining comprises

determining a common set of fields of product management information,

each field of the common set of fields corresponds to a source field in a source set of fields of product management information,
the source set of fields comprises
at least one source field that does not correspond to any field of the common set of fields,
the each field of the common set of fields further corresponds to a target field in a target set of fields of product management information, and
the target set of fields comprises
at least one target field that does not correspond to any field of the common set of fields;
extracting a source set of product management information, wherein
the source set is stored on a source computerized product management system,
the source set is stored within the source set of fields, and
the extracting is performed by an integration server coupled to the source computerized product management system;
converting the source set of product management information, wherein
the converting the source set converts the source set into a common set of product management information,
the common set of product management information is stored within the common set of fields of the product common model, and
the converting the source set is performed by the integration server;
converting the common set of product management information, wherein
the converting the common set converts the common set into a target set of product management information,
the target set is stored on a target computerized product management system,
the target set is stored within the target set of fields, and
the converting the common set is performed by the integration server.

Further, claim 28 recites, more accurately and in full:

28. (Previously Presented) A method in a computing system, the method comprising:

synchronizing existing target product management information with first and second source product management information, wherein
the existing target product management information is stored at a target computerized product management system,
the first source product management information is stored at a first source computerized product management system,
the second source product management information is stored at a second source computerized product management system,
the synchronizing depends in part on a characteristic of product management information, wherein
the characteristic allows a target record to be updated by an update from the plurality of source computerized product management systems,
the synchronizing comprises
extracting the first source product management information, wherein
the extracting the first source product management information is performed by an integration server, and
the first source product management information is in one of a plurality of source formats,
converting the first source product management information into an intermediate format,
extracting the second product management information, wherein
the extracting the second source product management information is performed by the integration server, and
the second source product management information is in another of the plurality of source formats,

converting the second source product management information into the intermediate format,
integrating the converted first and second source product management information into integrated source product management information,
converting the integrated source product management information into target product management information, wherein the target product management information is in a target format, and
updating the target computerized product management system with the target product management information, wherein the updating is performed by the integration server, and the existing target product management information comprises the target record.

Independent claim 26 recites limitations comparable to those in claim 24. Further, even while accepting the allowed claims in their present form, Applicants do not, and need not, agree with the characterizations espoused by the Examiner, whether in the Notice of Allowance, or at other points during the prosecution of these claims. Thus, Applicants maintain their position with regard to the cited references, as presented during the prosecution of this application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance fails to accurately and completely reproduce the language of the claims in at least with respect to the foregoing. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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